

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request consideration and allowance of the claims, based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 were rejected. By way of this paper, new claims 15-26 are added. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant concurrently files herewith an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests that the reference cited in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered and that an initialed copy of the form be returned to Applicant.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Otsuki, U.S. Patent No. 6,267,519 (“Otsuki”); claims 4-9 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuki in view of Noyes, U.S. Patent No. 6,775,022 (“Noyes”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections on the grounds that the cited prior art does not teach all the limitations of the invention.

Independent claims 1, 4 and 7 recite a “non-volatile storage means for storing information on whether the correction has been ... performed or not.” In contrast, Otsuki only discloses correction values stored in non-volatile memory, which do not provide “information on whether the correction has been ... performed or not.” However, in response to Applicant’s prior arguments, the Examiner states that: “Both Otsuki ‘519 and the present application disclose that the adjustment numbers themselves designate if the correction processing has been done or not.” (Office Action, p. 7). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Neither Otsuki nor the present application discloses that the adjustment numbers themselves designate if the correction processing has been done or not. In fact, Otsuki only discloses correction values stored in non-volatile memory as follows:

The P-ROM 43 in the printer 20 has adjustment number storage areas 202a-202c for black, light cyan and light magenta, and a correction value table 206. Stored in the storage areas 202a-202c are adjustment numbers representing the preferred reference correction values for black, light cyan and light magenta. The table 206 is used to store the relationships between the printing positional deviation amount (that is, the correction value) of the reverse-pass vertical lines on the test pattern and the deviation adjustment number. (Otsuki, col. 16, lines 61 to col. 7, line 3).

Nothing in Otsuki teaches or suggests that the correction values themselves provide information on whether the correction has been performed or not. Thus, *Otsuki does not disclose a non-volatile storage means for storing information on whether the correction has been performed or not.*

Furthermore, Applicant's specification contradicts the Examiner's contention that "the adjustment numbers themselves designate if the correction processing has been done or not." Specifically, Applicant's specification states that "the printer driver first requests the inkjet printing apparatus to transmit information related to the correction of ink discharge timing (a correction value of ink discharge timing and information indicative of whether or not correction has been performed)." (page 15, lines 13-18) (emphasis added). Thus, information on whether the correction has been performed or not is in addition to the actual correction values.

Accordingly, Otsuki does not teach or suggest a "non-volatile storage means for storing information on whether the correction has been ... performed or not," as recited in Applicants' claim 1.

The office action cited a secondary reference, Noyes, and alleged that reference disclosed certain feature recited in claims 4-9 and 11-14. Without commenting on those assertions, Applicants note that there has been no allegation that Noyes teaches, discloses or suggests “non-volatile storage means for storing information on whether the correction has been ... performed or not,” as recited in Applicants’ claim 1. Applicants own review of Noyes finds no such disclosure.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants’ independent claim 1 is believed to be patentably distinct from Otsuki alone or in combination with Noyes. For at least similar reasons, claims 2-26 also are believed to be patentable. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

New Claims

New claims 15-26 are added. Applicant requests consideration of these claims and respectfully submits that these claims are believed allowable.

Dependent Claims

Applicant has traversed, but not independently addressed the rejections of the dependent claims. Applicant submits that for at least similar reasons as to why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed supra, the dependent claims are also believed allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the

event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5265.

In the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5265.

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